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Art Unit: N/A

For: A PROCESS FOR PREPARING  
ZEAXANTHIN AND/OR BIOSYNTHETIC  
INTERMEDIATES AND/OR SECONDARY  
PRODUCTS THEREOF

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendment to the Specification** directing entry of the attached Sequence Listing begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.